



P.O. BOX 2329

San Francisco, May 2nd 1890

To the Agents of the Alaska Commercial Co
Alaska.

Gentlemen

We take pleasure in introducing to you
the bearer of these lines, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, General Agent of
Education in Alaska.

Mr Jackson will have occasion to visit all the principal
points in Alaska on behalf of the Educational Department, and
whenever opportunity offers, we wish you to show him every courtesy,
and render him whatever service and assistance you can, in
order to enable him, to achieve a successful result of his
mission, and make his sojourn with you an agreeable
and pleasant one.

Yours very Truly
Alaska Commercial Co
May Kilbrouner Secy

Hempden Sidney, Prince Edward Co., Va.

May 1, 1890.



Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Accidental Hotel, San Francisco

Dear Sir:

I am
one of the teachers se-
lected by the Rev. Dr.
Strickley for the
mission school
at Cape Prince of
Wales, Alaska; and
I am going to take
the liberty of ma-
king a suggestion
to you.

It seems
to me very impor-
tant for the sta-
tion to have some-
thing of a library
for the infor-
mation and recre-
ation of the teachers

during their leisure
hours; such a re-
sponse would
help them to keep
in good health and
spirits and so
materially aid their
ultimate success.

I suggest, there-
fore, that an ap-
peal be made to
the good people
of San Francisco,
through the pulpits
or the press papers,
or both, to give
us any old books,
or magazines
they can conve-
niently spare; and
books to include
standard works
of fiction, history,

biography, science,
and travel, as well
as good religious
literature.

Many people would
contribute in this
way, I think, who
either could not
or would not
aid up with mon-
ey; especially such
as have duplicate
copies of old books
for which they
do not care es-
pecially.

Hoping that you
will not consider
this letter a piece of
unwarrantable presumption
& remain

Very respectfully yours,
H. R. Thornton

(over)

By the same mail
I send a similar
letter to the Rev. Mr.
Rapid, in case this
should not reach
you in time for
action.

J.W.

W. T. Harris,
Commissioner,
J. W. Holcombe,
Post Clerk.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,

4640

H.F.H.

Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1890.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
C/o Charles H. Wells, Esq.,
10 California Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir :-

Your letter of April 29th from San Francisco is received to-day, the day on which you expect to sail from Seattle on your long voyage.

I am glad to learn that you met Capt. Stockton in California and made arrangements for building the school-houses and conveying teachers to the remote Arctic points in which we feel so deep an interest. The plan of utilizing the Government building at Point Barrow is doubtless a good one.

I have signed a number of vouchers for Alaska salaries that arrived this morning and among them one for the small balance of your April pay which will be sent to Mrs. Jackson.

Mr. Holcombe and your other friends here send their kind regards and best wishes for a prosperous voyage.

Hoping this letter may reach you at no very distant day and find you in good health, I am

very truly yours,

C. S. Harris

Commissioner.

W. T. Harris

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1054 Kirkham St.
Oakland, May 6, 1890 -

Mr. P. Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Your note received.

Our H.M. Committee
holds its regular monthly
meeting next Monday
May 12th at 3 P.M.

in Howard Church, and
I will present your
letter and I have no doubt
the Com. will gladly
take action recom-
mending the Board to send
Mr. Feodoroff to Alaska.

I am glad you are
still here. If you remain
over next Sabbath, I should

be very glad to have
you come over and
speak on Alaska Mission
work Sabbath Evening.

Come via Broad Gauge
and get off at Adeline
Station.

Fraternally yours
Henry A. Rice

Longmont Colo May 7-1840.
The Rev Sheldon Jackson Dr
Washington D.C.

My Dear Bro:-

A few days ago a M. E. Minister
stated to me that some years ago the M. E.
people at Arvada Colo had raised some
money - about \$25 - for church building
purposes. They put it into the hands of
a treasurer who happened to be a Presbyterian.
He afterwards went to Denver. Later he
sent the money to Longmont to help build the
Presbyterian Church at Longmont. The
man could give me no names but was
very positive about the fact. The nearest
I can discern from friends here is that
you gave some money probably about
that amount. Mr Buckingham the Treasurer
is now dead and I did not care to go
through his papers. I thought a line
from you would inform us whether

You have any knowledge of having received
any such money from any one in
deceit. It seems to me a
little strange that at this date we
should be called upon for money of
which there is no record or recollection.
If you will kindly drop me a line it will
be a great favor.

I have delayed a reply to your letter of the 22nd
concerning your daughter. Lyngmoor College
is not open and it now looks as if it
would not be. I will retain your
letter and if the College opens will cor-
respond with her.

Yours fraternally,
W O Thompson,
Pastor at Lyngmoor Col.

Copied

Woman's

American Baptist Home Mission Society,

14 TREMONT TEMPLE.

MRS. THOMAS NICKERSON, PRES.
MRS. MARY C. REYNOLDS, COR. SEC.
MISS MARGARET McWHINNIE, TREAS.

Boston, May 12 1888/89

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother

I am
very anxious to secure a place where
we can send a teacher. Our
Society voted to send a teacher
perhaps to, to Alaska. I said
a teacher was needed at Hood Co.
Mr. Crook wrote that it was
unsafe to send a single woman,
or even two single women to Hood
Co., and gave such a terrible
account of the sin and immorality
there, that we do not dare attempt
to send any one to them yet.

sewing? We have the money, and
I think the teacher would be easily
obtained. Other denominations go in
there, but we seem to be powerless.
Can you help us. Any place where
a woman can safely go, and
labor for Christ, we would like.
Please let me hear from you. If
you come this way, I wish to
see you, if possible.

Sincerely yours -
(Mrs.) M. C. Reynolds

21 Fayeth St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Ans Oct 1. 70.

Presbyterian Church.

S. H. KING, PASTOR.

Fishes Menn

May 17 - 1890

Dear Shelden Jackson

Dear Bro - I have
received favorable word from Board
of H. M. today - announcing my ap-
pointment, etc. You are to settle in
a kind of a lecture, can you not
assist me in this particular?
What things shall we take with us -
For example - shall we dispose of
our furniture - and bed - & clothing
and cooking utensils - books - etc.
Shall we take a double wardrobe
to carry through a term of years?
Can you give me some of your per-
sonal advice in regard to speedy settle-
ment & best time to go, etc. etc. etc. etc.
Yours truly
S. H. King

Peoria Ill
May 19th

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

I am
very anxious to present
my husband with a
Birth day Album containing
the photographs of the
International Committee
His Birth day is the
first of June and
I would esteem it
a great favor if you
would send me your
photographs for this
purpose. It will
be a pleasant surprise

for him when he returns
from his air month
tours the 1st of June.
Yours in the South
Mrs Wm Reynolds

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STEAMERS AND SAILING VESSELS.

*In reply to yours of**San Francisco, May 22 1890.**My dear Jackson*

A friend of mine saw a telegram that told him that the *Star of Peace* would be in Tacoma 4 or 5 days yet as your letter which I rec'd yesterday morn said you would sail 20th & accordingly I did not send your letter as you evidently expected I would if I had time. So I send to you by tonight's mail all of your mail MK'd in red ink "To *Star of Peace* Tacoma" fully certain that you would get them. I am glad that you can get all letters up to this date. I hope that you are well & with God's help you will keep all your enterprised going right ahead.

I am truly yours
Chas H Wells

Please give my kind regards to Capt Neely

Young Men's Christian Association.

1417 FRONT STREET.

Seattle, Wash., May 22 1890

I am writing you

to tell you

that

I send you

some papers which I trust

will be of interest to you.

I am sure you will find them so.

I am sure you will find them so.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

1417 FRONT STREET.

Seattle, Wash., _____ 189

address and name any one or two

of the place you would like to send

to me, (As it would give me

information as to how to reach you.

I would like to see you and

hear you in person.

With kind regards to all,

I am,

Very respectfully,

Edw. H. Denny

Asst. Sec'y.

Y. M. C. A.

Seattle

Dear Dr. Jackson

Mr. McArthur is at the
River, and takes the Queen Mary
day for Alaska. Have just
learned that you are here, and
am anxious to see you. I will
call on you this PM. Can you not
supper with us at 12:30. Very
truly yours



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev Theodore W Jackson D.D.
U.S. Rev Sturtevant
Seattle

Indian Training School
Sitka, Alaska.

June 2, 1890.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

^{Marsden}
Edward ^{Marsden} is delighted at the
thought of going east with you.

I think it much better for him to
go to Marquette College than to Clason House.

I will tell you my reasons when you
come. We are getting along right well.

I hope you will find many improvements
here by fall. I wish you could have been
here a few days this Spring for consultation
if nothing else. I miss you greatly.

I learned last night that Judge Bugher,
Probst, Hayden, Johnston and perhaps some lesser
lights have forwarded to the Secretary of the
Interior a remonstrance against your
getting the balance of power in school
affairs. I at once wrote the Commissioner of

Education about it, Mr. Brady wrote to
the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Turner refused to sign their petition.
Of course I would take no part in
these side issues if you were here
but as it is two or three men quietly
keep me informed of their secret
doings, and while this opposition will not
materially affect you I thought it best
to keep you informed.

Young Mr. Knapp wrote out the petition
but did not append his signature.

I had a right satisfactory talk
with Gov. Knapp previous to his sailing
on the Pinta to the southward.

Very truly
W. C. Kelly

EDITED BY
MADEIRA BADIAM

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W. K. BRIGGS

THE WONDERS OF ALASKA



AN ILLUSTRATED BOOK
OF THE BEAUTIES OF
THE CANADIAN ZONE

A COMPLETE
HISTORY OF ALASKA
AND
GUIDE FOR TOURISTS

BY
ALEXANDER BADIAM

TO BE ISSUED IN APRIL 1890

OFFICE
1024 FRANKLIN ST.

San Francisco, June 6th, 1890

Sheldon Jackson Esq.,

Sitka, Alaska,

Dear Sir :---

I beg to send you by this steamer's mail a copy of my book on Alaska. I beg that you will look at it charitably as this is my first effort in literature.

I called several times to see you while in the city but you were absent from the Hotel, or I should have had that pleasure.

Yours very respectfully,

Alex. Badlam

Committee on Military Affairs,

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., June 18, 1890.

Pro. Sheldon Jackson.

Washington. D. C.

My Dear Sir.

Your favor of May 28th
is just recd, owing to my absence
from the City. It would have had
immediate attention had I been here.

I observe with care what you
say.

Very Respectfully

B. M. Cutcheon

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*In reply to yours of**San Francisco, June 19 1890.**Dear Doctor*

*I think the Compeer will get to
McCloudskan & so on to the Bear so I venture
at the last moment to send you these. We are
having a very windy & rough summer, so may
be you are getting as pleasant weather as we
have - I hope so. No news of importance*

*I send you the Morning Paper & 2 letters
& Pkgs of Eastern Papers*

*Truly yours,
Chas H Wells*

My kind regards, to Mrs & Capt Nealey

An entertaining address was given in the lecture room of Westminster church by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, superintendent of presbyterian missions and general agent of education in Alaska. Dr. Jackson claimed that the country had been systematically misrepresented in the newspapers. With its fur interests, fisheries, coal, iron, gold and silver mines, forests, etc. it is destined to become a source of mighty wealth to the United States. There was coal and iron enough in Alaska, he said, to build up a dozen great states like Pennsylvania. A single gold mine was yielding \$100,000 a month. While the climate in the northern and central portions is extremely rigorous, along the southern coast the winters are similar to those of Kentucky, and the summers will match those of Minnesota. The speaker's account of the inhabitants was very striking.

Along the coast and even among the Chukchis outside of the presbyterian missions, a most appalling state of degradation exists. The people are under the influence of medicine men who eat the flesh of dead people, claiming that by so doing the spirit of the dead enters into them. In their religion they are like the fetish tribes of Africa, perpetuating the evil spirit and letting the good spirit alone. Female infanticide is practiced as a religious duty. Women are held as slaves and are killed at the will of their lords and masters. When a building is put up four women are killed and put into the post holes on which the building rests; persons suspected of witchcraft are roasted drowned or burned alive. All these shocking heathen practices are carried on this day.

ACT OF ALASKA,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

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ICT OF ALASKA,
ECUTIVE OFFICE,

SITKA, June 2nd, 1890

Dr. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir, I send you enclosed slip cut from the Sitka Free Press, presumably taken from some Eastern paper, for the purpose of inquiring if you are correctly reported, and if so to make further inquiries. After spending more than a year's residence in the Territory with special facilities for information through agents, policemen, white settlers and miners, and having personally visited nearly every native village, sawmill, cannery and mine in South-eastern Alaska, some of them many times, and conversing freely with the natives, having with me during a portion of my travels a native interpreter, and having in mind the frightful stories I have heard ever since I came. I have not been able to trace one single authentic case of medicine men eating the flesh of dead men, or of the practice of female infanticide, or women slaves killed by masters, or of placing murdered women in the holes of the forts in which their buildings

act of persons suspected of witchcraft being wanted, harmed
or brutal alive, since long before the establishment of the
first Presbyterian mission within the territory. If there are
occurrences of any considerable frequency, in Southwestern
Alaska, I do not understand why I have not been able
to locate some of them. I have found traditions of all
these crimes as having occurred formerly. I have found
some of the older people who admit having known
of specific occurrences coming under two of these heads.
But they claimed that it was a long time ago,
and that they had known of no such instance
for many years. Now, Doctor, it seems proper
for me to ask why did you not inform me of
the circumstances, times and places of these horrible
acts, if committed within my jurisdiction, and since
my advent within the territory? I feel sure you
must believe I desire, conscientiously, to discharge
my duties in the office I hold, and that I have
the best interests of the territory at heart. And if
not, your duty would be equally plain to report
to me, and if I failed to move Heaven and
Earth to bring about a reformation of the abuses,

to rebuke me

to the President for inefficiency or neglect of duty.

I feel so sure that this statement is an exaggeration, if not an entire misrepresentation of the condition of the natives of Alaska, as a present fact, that I must think you have not been correctly reported. If not that fact ought to be known. If the reports of what you said are accurate, in the name of truth and decency, in behalf of justice and right, and for the welfare of this long suffering country, I insist that you give proofs that will bear out such allegations, or, at least, that such definite and detailed statements of the facts shall be given that they can be verified or refuted.

You must be aware that allegations of degradation and crimes like these, in language which can be construed as implying that they are common even among the adherents of Christian churches, other than the Presbyterian, and in the presence of an organized civil government with courts of justice and all the instrumentalities required to administer the laws, and under the eyes of the officers of the war vessels stationed in these waters, to say nothing of the civil communities scattered here and there, all

because the truth - you must be aware that
these allegations have a tendency to create
excitement and hostility against yourself
and the cause you represent.

Believe me your persisting in the supposition
that you could have made these statements -
certainly does not seem possible - but I have
seen similar reports in publication before
and if not correct they ought to be
corrected.

I received circular regarding school
matters in Alaska, and cannot say that
I approve of it, or have much hope of
educational improvement under the system.

Yours very truly
John E. Krapp

Sitka Alaska. Oct 10th 1890.

Hon Lyman E Knapp
Gov of Alaska

My dear Sir Yours of June 1st

Enclosing report of a Missionary
Address made by me in some Eastern
Church and Copied into the Juneau Free
Press was waiting my return from the
Arctic and consequently was received
only a few days ago

Having learned by experience
the uselessness of Contradicting Newspaper
reports, I have in recent years given
them but little attention.

However when a friend asks
for an explanation of any particular
Article, it gives me pleasure to make it

Newspaper notices of an address are
frequently misleading and incorrect,
even when the reporter is friendly & tries
to give a faithful account.

As a rule only a small amount of
space can be given to the report. An
address that would fill all their columns,
if given in full, is necessarily abridged
so as to occupy but a few lines or a portion
of a column. For instance the su-

Closed printed Slip can be read in two Minutes, the address of which it is a report occupied from 1 and a quarter to 1 and a half hours of rapid talking to deliver.

Consequently the Newspaper report is compelled to select a few prominent points & a few striking illustrations and throw them together outside of their true Connection. The result is a garbled & often misleading report. So that a statement that is true in the Connection in which it is made becomes untrue when presented without the qualifications of the Context.

This is true of the slip you enclose me. It is a Misrepresentation of my address.

I judge that the address spoken of was made at Minneapolis in 1886.

That however is immaterial

I have made in nearly all the leading Cities of the North and address covering the following ground.

1st The Extent, Natural features and resources of Alaska -

2nd The different Native Tribes, Eskimoes, &c.

3rd Their religious system - fetichism. Under this head comes the Account of the Shamans

As an initiatory rite eating a portion of a human Corpse. (An account of this is given in Mr Duncan's first advent among the Tsimpshans. I have seen accounts of the same things from other Missionaries, whose letters I have not at hand.)

Also tying up, torturing, burying alive, Killing ~~and~~ burning & otherwise disposing of persons accused of witchcraft. (Of which I have ~~what~~ reliable Evidence that satisfies my ~~own~~ own mind as to the reality of these ~~thing~~ barbarities)

In this Connection I refer to some of their Customs concerning Slavery and the Killing of Slaves upon special occasions

In every address I distinctly state, and in late years emphasize the statement that these and other Customs growing out of witchcraft was the condition of the Natives before the coming of Schools & Missions

And that while I do not know it from personal observation, ^{yet} that I have reason to believe that the torture & Killing of witches still exists in the Native Settlements so remote as not yet to have felt the influence of the Mission Stations. It is the dark back ground to ~~set~~ set

off both the need & result of schools
and missions

4th I then give an account of
the growth of Protestant & Roman Catholic
missions — The Presbyterians, Friends
And Roman Catholics in South Eastern
Alaska And the Moravians, Episcop-
alian, Swedish Lutheran and Roman
Catholic missions in other portions
of the Territory. I ~~then~~ try to show
that as the missionaries get hold
of the people, that these old customs dis-
appear in the village where the mission
is located, and gradually in the neigh-
boring settlements ~~as they gradually~~
from contact with the mission centre.

I ~~then~~ ^{give} show the difficulties that
the Government officials have in attempt-
ing to change these customs — how al-
most impossible it is change the ~~super~~
religious beliefs and superstitions ~~customs~~
of a people by law — that the most efficient
& natural way of eradicating the barbarous
customs of heathenism is by the establish-
ment of a mission or government school
in every native settlement & thus educating
the people out of their old customs.

The whole address is an argument
& plea for schools, and experience has
proved its usefulness. Trusting that the
above is a sufficient answer & explanation to your
letter of inquiry. I remain Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education,

(Washington D. C.)

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~~Page³ I then state my own belief that
and that I have reason to believe
that the torture & killing of natives
still exists in the native settlements
so remote from us not yet to have
felt the influence of the Mission
Stations.~~

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Apr 11, 1888

Mr Currie Teacher at Klauwak at the risk
 of his life rescued & sheltered a girl whom the
 Haregahs ^{from, torture as a} witch

Winter of 1887 + 8 Dr White Gov Seal
 at Haines with North Star Aug 88

In 1887 Justice Heid imprisoned some

Nations at Juneau for torturing an old man as
 a witch & throwing him bound into a dead
 house & leaving him to starve to death -

Old man was rescued by the Authorities

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loose by her little boy, & they escaped in a canoe to Sitka, making the whole journey ~~in a canoe~~ without any food.

About the same time Mrs Paul & her husband were teaching at the Upper Chilcat village.

During that winter one woman was starved to death as a witch by the people. Two men who were being starved to death as witches were rescued by Mr Paul at the risk of his own life.

at Sitka

In 1885, Bartlett's (one of the school boys) Grandmother accused of being a witch and fearing the torture that she would be subjected to cut her throat.

About While Lieut Gilman was in charge of the Marines at Sitka, Rev Mr Austin used to call upon him to save from torture a Mr Brown one of his church members -

In 1887 at Sitka Jennie's (one of school girls) mother took in an old woman to live with them. These bring much sickness among the people the old woman was accused of witchcraft and was either killed or through fear committed suicide -

In April 1888 at Klawock Mr Currie Govt teacher at the risk of his life rescued and sheltered from torture as a witch by the Hainegahs. ^{a girl}

In 1888 Dr White a Govt teacher and a Christian man at Haines among the Chilcats writes:

In 1889 Justice Heed at Juneau
imprisoned some natives for torturing
an old man as a witch & throwing
him bound into a dead house for
the Avuk village to starve to death.
The old man was rescued by the Govt
authorities, + +

in the North Star

Mrs Millard writes as follows of
witchcraft among the Chilcats:

In the North Star of Aug 1890
Rev Mr Wm F. Johnson in writing a history
of his mission to the Hoonahs says:

Mrs John H. Killbuck on the
Kuskokwim river under date
of March 30, 1889 writes

Deputy Marshall Wittenborn
informed me that he found 3 cases
of witchcraft at Klamack this Sum-
mer.

Mrs Capt. Halsey of Chilcat in-
forms me that there were several
cases there this season -

I also call your attention
to the statement of Mrs J. H. Kill-
buck as to the treatment of
infants on the Kuskokwim River

8 years ago Upper Village Chaucat
Chief was sick Accused 3 men &
woman of being white - Tie up the
woman & put her in the cellar under
the house & kept her 8 days without
anything to eat. ^{when she died from starvation} Finally she starved
to death - Saved one of the 3 men
other 2 got away -

Saved another boy of being starved to
death.

Mr Young saved Georgie Millard about
5 years of age

Mrs Dickinson saved a number
at Haines -

Made a second letter of this to be deposited
with the Historical Society (not to be published).

So far with reference to the Enclaved
Slip. Now with regard to the present status
of witchcraft in Alaska -

I believe that it still exists among
all the Native Tribes that have not been
reached and changed by Russian or Amer-
ican Civilizations & that it to some
extent exists in South Eastern Alaska
among the Tlingits, Haida, Kake,
Hoonah, Chilkat & Yakutat Settlements

In the early history of the Sitka Mission
the following Cases came under the personal
observation of Rev Mr Austin

One day he found that Anahootz
had tied up a ~~girl~~ a young girl as a
witch. ~~He took~~ to Mr Austin went
to the Naval Authorities and the officers
of the U.S.S. Massachusetts rescued the
girl, and as there was at the time no
girl's home in Sitka, sent her to ^{the} Mary
Home. her name was Millia.

About in 1882 a man tied up as a
witch was rescued by some white men
Mr Austin sheltered the man & his wife
for a long time. The cords had cut through
the flesh on the wrists to the bone.

Upon another occasion finding a
young woman tied up as a witch! Mr
Austin secured the assistance of Lieut-
Gilman & some Marines in releasing
her. Also in 1883 & 4 a woman
^{at Kelliisnoo} tied up & tortured as a witch, was cut

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL
AND
TRAINING SCHOOL.

Sitka, Alaska, June 23

1890

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir, -

We look for the "Biden" tomorrow.
All are opposed to the new school regulations
excepting your active friend, Mr. Brady.

The Judge, the Governor and Mayor have
written the Commissioner declining to serve
on the Local School Committee. Young Knapp
wrote a petition denouncing the new rules,
signed by himself, Judge Beebe, Johnston, Pracht,
Hayden, Myer (Weitenhiller I suppose) and
a few others. Mr. Turner and Mr. DeGoff re-
fused to sign it. The petition was forwarded
to the Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Brady,
in your absence wrote to Secty Noble, &
wrote to the Commissioner of Education.

I am told the Governor deplores the loss
of the two hundred dollars per annum.

There is considerable political opposition
to Judge Knapp's appointment. over

Judge Baylee is an intimate friend of Judge
Phillips, and is more addicted to drink.

His daughter is just now creating a little
gossip by receiving attention from Mr. Has-
brouck who is, by respectable, people considered
a moral reformer. As yet we have gained
nothing by the administration except a
better Governor.

Our work is moving along nicely ex-
cept the scarcity of lumber. Budget will
run very little.

I would like to get the Russian man
you speak of as man of all work.

Very sincerely,
W. A. Kelly

Washington D.C.
June 24/90

Dear Sir

Many thanks for
the Bulletin of the
Alaskan Society
duly rec'd and which
I was extremely glad
to get

Yours very truly

Wm. H. Dall
(C)



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Sitka
Alaska

From

REV. ALEXANDER McLEAN,

Corresponding Secretary.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Bible House, New York.

July 1st 1900.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, F. F.

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

We have received a special donation of \$40 for Bible distribution among native Alaskians, and we desire to carry out the purpose of the generous donor. He is a poor man, old, sick and near his end. I have written to him that we would make the distribution through you, as you have been so long identified with this work, and will be pleased if you will indicate what Scriptures will be most useful. Perhaps we had better send them in small quantities through the mail, as that will be much less expensive than freight.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and

Yours fraternally,

Alexander McLean

Cor. Sec'y.

I wrote asking for some Bibles for
the school

H. B. S.

Harvey of Ball

Have you ever met Mr. J. W. Murray who went
from Ft. Collins Col. to Alaska?

Boulder Colorado, July 4/89

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Sir:

Do you remember me of years ago in
connection with the Boulder Church & John
Anderson?

I often think of you.

About four weeks ago I thought would write
you & so today am at it.

A few years ago I had a partial sun stroke
so can't stand the sun here & think I ought
to leave this climate.

Think would like to go to Alaska

Would like to go there for three reasons.

Think would benefit my health

Believe from what have heard could make a good
deal of money & think could help do good.

Now if should go. Would like at first to go as representative or agt. for Govt. or some other institution. so would have my travelling expenses paid &c. all of course would be an experiment to me & I judge a rather expensive.

Can you give me any suggestions -
If so will you kindly help me.

I would like to go but would like to do so on a safe basis if could.

How are you getting along. Your health &c.?
You have a great work in Alaska
I read of you frequently in the papers.
Wish you could get me some position to go if I am not ~~too~~ making myself too far with you.

The Couder Church is now quite a strong Church. Rev H. C. Persons is now our Pastor
I was in Salt Lake Utah on business for past year. Have my property here yet.

Very Respectfully yours

Henry D. Rosenkrans

Mill Point, Montg. Co. Md.

July 7, 1890.

My Dear Father;

We all enjoyed very much your last letter telling about your come. Princess Marie spread the map you sent Uncle John out on the floor on her and with a new letter in hand traced out for us all a new whole trip. all except the volcano in eruption. That we could not find on the map.

It was too bad you were detained so long at Seattle, as I fear

it will benefit you, waiting
all the time you wished.

I wish I could have come
with you this summer or else
gone to Europe, as I don't seem
to have any particular use
for ~~any~~ time. If I could have
secured a position to teach in
some Academy I would have
been glad to have staid here
and studied. But I never
could study without some definite
object in view other than self-
improvement.

Emma Louise Brown told me
at Church to-day that the Rev-

crosses sailed yesterday. To go
over to Europe and stay some
months is the only way to learn
anything of the language and
that is what I should have
liked to have done and what
I believe she intended to do.

Uncle Kate takes a good about
our all going next autumn
but I doubt if it amounts to
anything. Uncle John does not
really care anything about it
and he thinks Aunt Kate is not
strong enough for such a trip.

I am now the Quarterly
papers all reported that the

were doing this summer, but
she never thought of it.

At the last Commencement
at Knox College the degree of
A.M. was conferred upon me
with other classics of the
class of '75. After this the degree
will only be granted for pro-
fessional or other satisfactory
studies, but before this it has
been simply honorary. Still
Dr. Bateman thought that my
teaching and studies for that
would have been satisfactory
and so I sent on one five
dollars for the diploma. Last

week and now are waiting to see it.

As I presume

~~The same~~ ~~perhaps~~ you will be interested upon the happenings here as well as at Clifton. I hardly know what to write.

Uncle John and Aunt Kate attended at the Gen. Synod of the Reformed Church at Coburn Park the first of last month and enjoyed it very much. Dr. Rameyn Berry, who was in Montclair when we were, was made Moderator.

Uncle John met him and he inquired after our family very kindly. I would have liked

to have seen him again.

Etta Goddard, my oldest
friend, and her father and mother
are talking of going to the Mass.
sea-shore this month and they
want me to join them, which
I may do for a couple of weeks.
I have been thinking to get Mamma
and Bessie to go too, but Mamma
thinks it is too much trouble.

I hope you are having as en-
joyable and profitable a trip as
you hoped.

The family unite in sending
a great deal of love -
V.D.S.L.

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In reply to yours of

San Francisco: July 9 1890.

Dear Dr Jackson

With this I send you by the
 the St Paul 1 Reg with following Mail Mark
 Blue pencil 16591 Red Ink Stamp "Registered
 May 24/1890
 Washington"

With regular blank from Const Education MKD
 Sheldon Jackson U.S. R.M. Steamer Dear
 Capt H Miller local. Bering Sea
 San Francisco

I hope that you will get this by July 19 or 20
 We have no news here more than a continuous
 succession of sunny days - some morning foggy
 but clearing off by 11 or 12 AM I send you
 the Morning Paper so you may have our
 latest news. With sincere hopes for your
 success & good health

Yours truly,
 Chas H Wells

I rec'd Yours of May 24 & will look after the
 Steamers as you wish I did not send on Rush or
 Jeanie as the St Paul will get to you before either and

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Tuesday, July 14th 1890

My Dear sister

This is our eleventh day out and we do not expect to even sight land before tomorrow and will not reach Amsterdam before Friday but we are enjoying our little sail so much that we are quite indifferent as to how long we may have to remain on the boat. We have a very pleasant company on board which helps to make the days pass agreeably. There are many artist students who are so skillful with their pencil that you cannot be still five minutes without being outlined in some one's book. We also have our full share of musicians who are very obliging and add much to our entertainment. We have a concert almost every day. The most of the way the weather has been very pleasant and the boat has steamed along so quietly there has been but little sea-sickness motion than on one of the New York ferry boats but yesterday it rolled so it was difficult to keep anything on the table. For the first two

Weekly Service to New-York. - Monthly Service to the River Ports.

or three days nearly every one felt miserable although but few were really much sick. George & I were able to go down to our meals regularly but the children preferred having theirs on deck for several days but since all light now we are enjoying the trip. Holland or German are the languages used by the waiters and even some of the officers understand English very imperfectly. We were very much interested the other evening by sighting a vessel after dark. To show them our colors three roman candles were burned at the side of our ship, one white between two green ones as our colors are green white & green. We were quite disappointed that they did not return the salute but the Captain said that showed it was only a sailing vessel. We are disappointed that we have seen no ice burgo.

Just before leaving home I sent you the deed to the Cemetery lot in Galesburg. Did you receive it? We did not know but it might be sold before we got back and you would need that for description. How are you since warmer weather has set in. I thought probably it would be best to send our letters to Will Vint as we do not know where you will be this summer. We have decided to have our letters sent to us care of Messrs. Brown, Shepley & Co. Founders Court, E. C. London, England, until we settle

some some where. He now thinks we will
spend a week or more in Holland and then
go up the river to Switzerland where if we find
pleasant quarters we will settle down for several
weeks but as yet we do not know at what place
Mary is sitting by sea and says "give my love".
as she is coming for me, soon I will stop. It is so
soon as she feels inclined to write I like to encourage
her.

Wednesday Morning.
Thank Elizabeth for the
pleasure she gave us all this morning. It is a
dull rainy morning & we were wondering what
we should do when Delia came by saying the
"mail is in" & handed us each a note. They afforded
quite a large group of us much amusement &
were much admired. I had asked Delia over
& over again what Elizabeth had written but was
always put off. There is great excitement this
morning over some clouds at the horizon
that is called land and while some imagine
they see trees, castles, light houses & all sort of
things I see nothing but clouds. I will
wait this at Boulogne where we expect to
be early tomorrow morning. Then from
sixteen to twenty six hours brings us to
Amsterdam. It depends upon the tide how
long it takes.

With much love
Lucie & Harriet.

310 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, Cook Co. Ill.
July 15, 1890.

Rev. A. E. Austin,

Dear Sir:-

I was
among the number of those
who visited your school
in June, when the "Queen"
made her first trip to
Alaska and having seen
the good work you are
doing, I feel very much
interested to know how
it is prospering. I
am particularly interested
in two of your most
promising students about
whom you told me:
Edward Mackinnon and

Send the money as we agreed - to those
Karl & Wink were their
names I think. You
were undecided as to
where you were going
to send Edward Madden
to school, as to how much
money it would take
I also whether that money
would be provided. Will
you kindly let me know
all about your plans
for him? I shall be
glad to help you and
although I mention his
case, if help is more
needed in any other
department of the work.
I shall be just as glad
to send what little I

am able to. May I ask you to reply as soon as possible, as I expect to go away the first of September and would like to hear before I leave.

Our day at Sitka was a charming one and our visit to the Mission and the kindly reception of us by you and your wife added not a little to our pleasure. We appreciated what a wonderful work you have done among the poor Indians and I feel a personal interest in the progress since I have been in Sitka myself. I will let you know when I send the money to the board - to whom

shall I direct it?

With kindest regards to yourself &
Mrs. Austin, believe me,

Most cordially yours,
(Miss) Margaret S. Watson.

Ans. Sept. 1-1890